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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Sidney Shapiro, NIS Coordinator,
Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

1. On 4 December Mr. Shapiro met with me to discuss two questions that are related to NIS problems in the Fish and Wildlife Service; namely, [REDACTED]

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2. With respect to the first question, Mr. Shapiro indicated that the recent Congressional reorganization of Fish and Wildlife Service will result in a dearth of qualified professional people throughout the Service and particularly within the NIS staff. As a means of overcoming this deficiency Mr. Shapiro has requested within the Service the development of a trainee program in which graduates in studies relating to Fish and Wildlife Service would be brought in and trained in a number of different aspects of the Service. Related to this problem would be the

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3. The general tenor of my reply to Mr. Shapiro was to the effect that our original commitment with the Department of the Interior for work by the Fish and Wildlife Service would involve professional capabilities and that we were supporting this work in terms of that understanding. The introduction of trainees into the picture substitutes inexperienced assistance for professional capabilities.

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5. With respect to the second question, I told Mr. Shapiro that we would be delighted to indicate the work performed by Fish and Wildlife Service staff in support of the NIS program as a basis for his recommendation to his own Service for employee awards to select members of his staff. Subsequently I requested [redacted] to prepare a statement which I will send forward to Mr. Shapiro.

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